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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
Balaram Sinharoy : William H. Wood

Serial No.: 09/435,070 : Group Art Unit: 2124

Filed: November 4, 1999 :

Title: CIRCUITS, SYSTEMS AND : IBM Corporation  
METHODS FOR PERFORMING : Intellectual Property Law  
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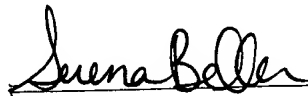
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 17, 2004 (Paper No. 15), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 17, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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